MOUNT ROYAL CEMETERY COMPANY.

REPORT

UPON THE

Examination and Re-Classification of the Company's Accounts

From their Origin in 1852 till 31st March, 1880.

JOHN McDONALD,
Accountant.

MONTREAL, 4th Dec., 1880.

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To the Chairman

Finance Committee,

Mount Royal Cemetery Company,

Montreal.

DEAR SIR,

Acting upon the instructions of your Committee communicated to me at their meeting held on the 18th June last, I have made up a correct statement of the Company's affairs on the 31st March, 1880, the date of the annual balancing of the books. The necessity for making this statement arose from the improper system of balancing the Company's accounts, which had been continued from its origin until the last annual balancing. This will be apparent by a comparison of the balance produced under that system (which failed to demonstate accurately the Company's position) with the balance now produced and proved by the details of Disbursements, Receipts, Expenditure, Loss, Revenue, Gain, and Assets and Liabilities. The balance produced under the improper system referred to, was as follows, viz.:—

Dr.			*Cr.*	
Land,		$15,158.34	Suspense,	$1,529.98
Stock,		5,580.08	Cash,	6.70
Buildings,		25,553,09	Protestant Old Burying Ground,	21,675.39
Implements,		103.48	Exchange Bank Advances,	1,893.47
Moveable property,		1,106.49	Estate Account,	48,341.71
Bank of Montreal Stock,	$19,912.50			
Bank of Commerce Stock,	1,912.50			
Exchange Bank do.	4,120.77	25,945.77		
		$73,447.25		$73,447.25

A Statement of Assets and Liabilities made up from that Balance Sheet to show the Company's position and Capital would be as follows, viz.:—

ASSETS.		
The total of the debit side of the Balance Sheet, ...		$73,447.25
LIABILITIES		
in detail, viz.:—		
Suspense, ...	$1,529.98	
Cash, ...	6.70	
Protestant Old Burying Ground,	21,675.39	
Exchange Bank Advances, . .	1,893.47	25,105.54
Capital, being the surplus of the Assets over the Liabilities, designated in the Balance Sheet as the "Estate Account," . . .		$48,341.71

The balance produced, and proved by me is as follows, viz.:—

Dr.			*Cr.*		
Land, as shown in detail at Ledger fol. 247		$48,595.75	Capital, invested by Shareholders in Lots,	246,	$145,927.56
Bank Stocks, do. 249		25,877.50	Cash advanced by Sec.-Treas.,	245,	6.70
Buildings, do. 248-279		25,182.50	Exchange Bank Advances,	256,	1,893.47
Moveable property, per Inventory, 251	$822.50		Perpetual Ornamentation and Maintenance as shown in detail,	250,	2,003.65
Horses, do. 252	510.00				
Implements, do. 253	281.25				
Office Furnit're, do. 254	251.00				
Lodge do. do. 255	33.00				
		1,897.75			
Permanent Improvements, being the Surplus of Expenditure and Loss over Revenue and Gain, Ledger folio 277,		48,277.88			
		$149,831.38			$149,831.38

A Statement of Assets and Liabilities made up from this Balance Sheet to show the Company's position and Capital is as follows, viz.:—

ASSETS.

The total of the debit side of the Balance Sheet, . . .		$149,831.38

LIABILITIES

in detail, viz. :—

Secretary-Treasurer, ...	$6.70	
Exchange Bank, ...	1,893.47	
Perpetual Ornamentation and Maintenance	2,003.65	3,903.82
Capital, being the surplus of the Assets over the Liabilities, proved in detail by the Cash Books and Ledger as the total sum invested by Shareholders in the purchase of lots, . .		$145,927.56

In order to arrive at this result, it was absolutely necessary to examine and re-classify the whole of the details of the Company's transactions between the year 1852 and the 31st March, 1880, the results of which examination and re-classification are shown in the Cash Books at folios 536 to 547 and 178, and in the Ledger at folios 154 and 245 to 279.

The Trial Balance Sheet, which demonstrates the accuracy of the results arrived at, and described above, is as follows, viz. :—

TRIAL BALANCE SHEET, YEARS 1852 TILL 31ST MARCH, 1880.

Ledger Folio.	Name of Account.	Disbursements.	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Loss.	Revenue.	Gain.	Assets.	Liabilities.
246	Capital,	$1,386.75	$147,314.31						145,927.56
247	Land,	48,595.75						48,595.75	
248	Buildings,	26,728.00	1,545.50					25,182.50	
249	Bank Stocks,	31,902.50	5,795.00		230.00			25,877.50	
250	Perpetual Ornamentat'n & Maint'ance		2,003.65						2,003.65
251	Moveable property,	1,167.60	345.10					822.50	
252	Horses,	1,239.50	425.00		304.50			510.00	
253	Implements,	6,096.24		5,814.99				281.25	
254	Office Furniture,	251.00						251.00	
255	Lodge do.	33.00						33.00	
256	Exchange Bank,	1,645.56	3,539.03						1,893.47
257	Bills Payable,	35,388.90	35,388.90						
258	Graves,	816.60	26,241.83			25,425.23			
259	Fees,		42,522.44			42,522.44			
260	Ornamentation and Grading,		13,795.91			13,795.91			
262	Interest,	4,424.21	1,653.19	2,771.02					
263, 261, 270	General Expenses, Improvements and Repairs,	21,846.60	628.64	21,217.96					
264	Protestant Old Burying Ground,	4,761.08	22,871.45				18,110.37		
265	Insurance,	727.70	50.00	677.70					
266	Labor,	112,728.29		112,728.29					
267	Donation,	150.00		150.00					
268	Salaries,	37,344.95		37,344.95					
269	Horse Expenses,	11,453.53	73.32	11,380.21					
271	Sales of Firewood,		108.55			108.55			
272	Greenhouse,	2,293.01	13,912.10			11,619.09			
273	Dividends,		16,795.42			16,795.42			
274	Discount on Silver,	112.17	4.00	108.17					
275	Vault Fees,		16,072.90			16,072.90			
		$351,092.94	$351,086.24						
245	Advance by Sec.-Treas.,		6.70						6.70
	Totals,	$351,092.94	$351,092.94	192,193.29	534.50	126,339.54	18,110.37		
276	Add Loss to Expenditure,			534.50					
276	Add Gain to Revenue,					18,110.37			
				$192,727.79		144,449.91			
277	Surplus of Expenditure and Loss over Revenue and Gain carried to Permanent Improvements,					48,277.88		48,277.88	
				$192,727.79		$192,727.79		$149,831.38	149,831.38

A Condensed Statement of the Expenditure and Loss, and Revenue and Gain, is as follows, viz.:—

Expenditure,—		
Labour,		$112,728.29
Salaries,		37,344.95
General Expenses, Improvements and Repairs,		21,217.96
Horse Expenses,		11,380.21
Implements,		5,814.99
Interest,		2,771.02
Insurance,		677.70
Donation,		150.00
Discount on Silver,		108.17
		$192,193.29
Loss,—		
Bank Stocks,	$230.00	
Horses,	304.50	534.50
		$192,727.79

Revenue,—	
Fees,	$42,522.44
Graves,	25,425.23
Vault Fees,	16,072.90
Greenhouse,	11,619.09
Ornamenting & Grading	13,795.91
Sales of Firewood,	108.55
Dividends,	16,795.42
	$126,339.54
Gain,—	
Protestant Old Burying Ground,	18,110.37
	$144,449.91
Surplus of Expenditure and Loss carried to Permanent Improvements,	48,277.88
	$192,727,79

The Accounts, if carried on in future upon the system herein illustrated, will always demonstrate at the annual balancing of the Company's books, the exact position of its affairs.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN McDONALD,

Accountant.

MONTREAL, 4th Dec., 1880.